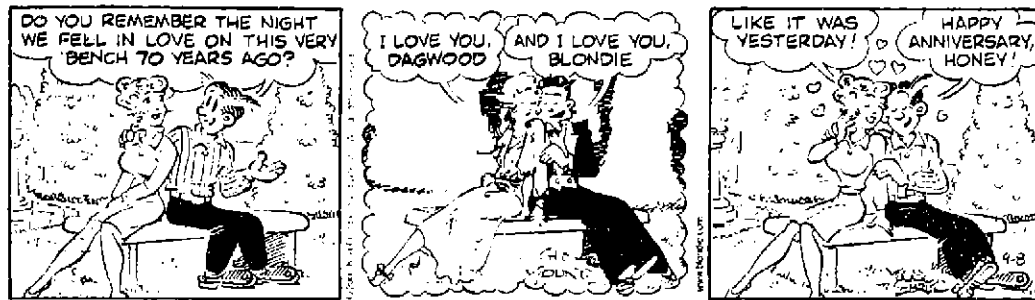


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SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



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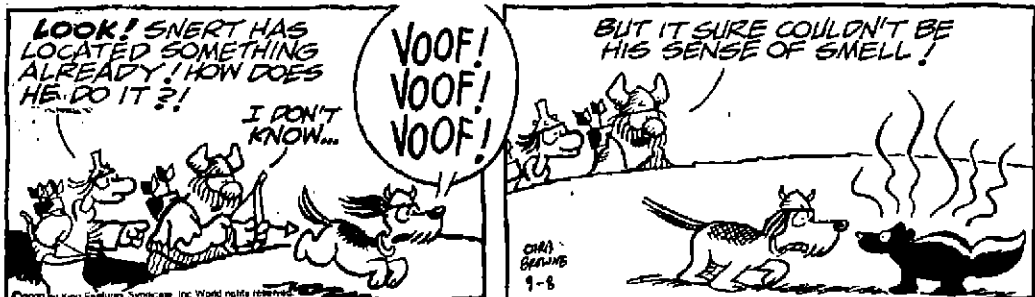
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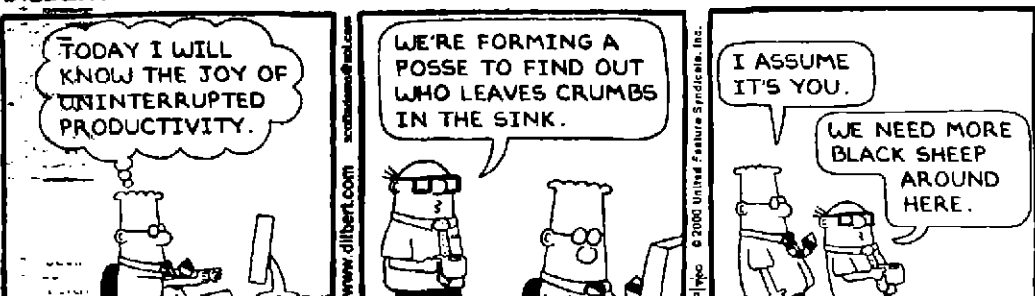
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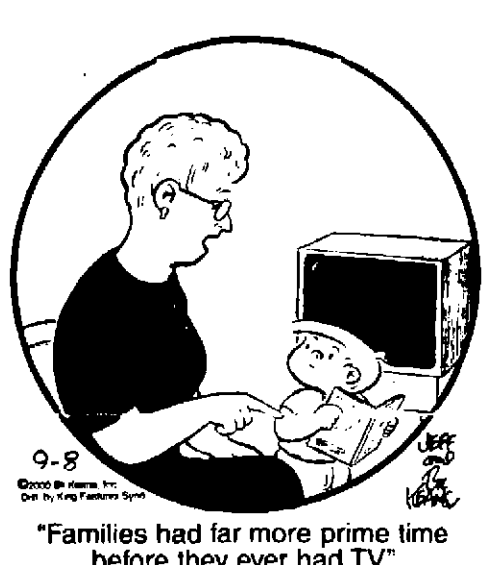
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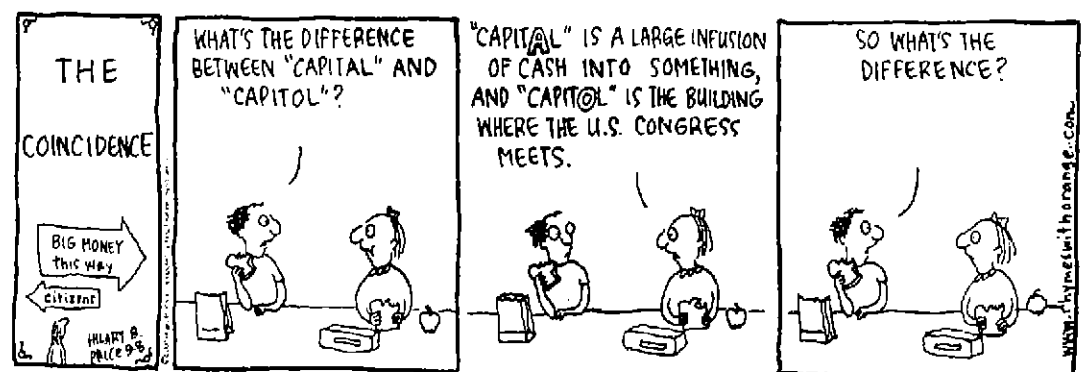
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FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



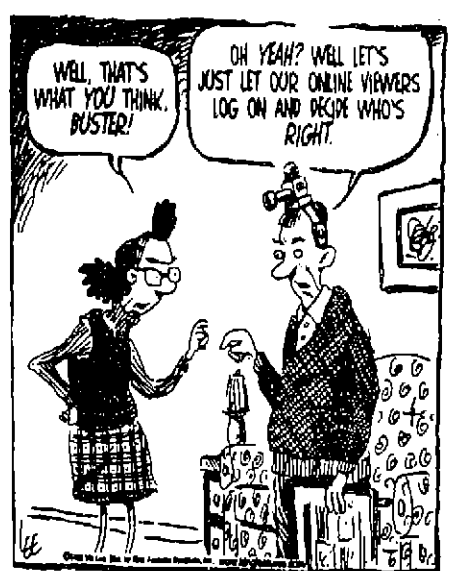
RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Comedian Sid Caesar is 78.
Country singer-songwriter Harlan Howard is 73.
Ventriloquist Willie Tyler is 60. Actor Alan Feinstein is 59. Author Ann Beattie is 53.
Musician Will Lee ("Late Show with David Letterman") is 48. Actress Heather Thomas is 43. Pop musician David Steele (Fine Young Cannibals) is 40. Rhythm-and-blues singer Marc Gordon (Levert) is 36. Actor Henry Thomas is 29.

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PAR SCORE 110-120
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Wahman-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW.

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

LAWN CARE

B X V S Q O M K F I G E C A Y
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M A I G N I Y A R P S H E R O
B G E G N I T N A L P D W C S

Thursday's unlisted clue: TENNIS

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Friday's unlisted clue: Drag Them Around The Yard

Bagging Mowing Raking Trimming
Deadheading Mulching Soaking Watering
Fertilizer Planting Spraying Weeding
Hoing Pruning Sprinklers

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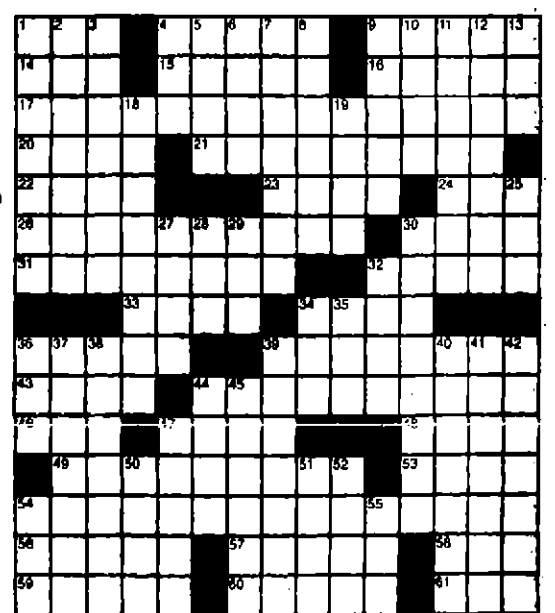
N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Prol. begun in 1984
 - 4 Kipling's wolf pack leader
 - 9 In a fog
 - 14 Shot spot
 - 15 Charity allotments
 - 16 Industrial Light and Magic creator
 - 17 They're used in dumping
 - 20 Dressing ingredient
 - 21 Not be serious
 - 22 In the thick of
 - 23 Travel guide list
 - 24 Tiny fraction of a foot-pound
 - 26 Secret sharer
 - 30 So
 - 31 Quasimodo's job
 - 32 A mint
 - 33 "The Seduction of Joe Tynan" star
 - 34 Architect Mies van der
 - 36 Sides in some wars
 - 39 Hearty fare
 - 43 They may be crushed
 - 44 Worshipers' place
 - 46 Fight figure
 - 47 When Taanit is observed
 - 48 Subject precursor
 - 49 Untouchable
 - 53 Takes courses?
 - 54 The 13 books from Rome to Philomen
 - 56 Keeps an eye on figures?
 - 57 Works with afterimages
 - 58 Magritte's "Ceci n'est pas pipe"
 - 59 "I'm stumped"
 - 60 N.J. town on the Hudson
 - 61 City grid: Abbr.
- DOWN**
- 1 Born loser
 - 2 "You wish!"
 - 3 Picture
 - 4 Hot or cold, e.g.: Abbr.
 - 5 Flake
 - 6 K-12, in education
 - 7 Kind of library
 - 8 Not on the level?
 - 9 Table clef readers
 - 10 1984 Peace Nobel
 - 11 Set back?
 - 12 It catches some waves
 - 13 Apuleius' "golden" one
 - 16 Alerts
 - 18 Coastal raptor
 - 25 "Oh, wow!"
 - 27 Reform targets
 - 28 Carried out
 - 29 Gasteier of "Saturday Night Live"
 - 30 Impractical person?

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

STAT OLDS UNSET
ARMY NERO NOLTE
WIMP COUP SCONE
GOESNIGHTANHEAD
ALEX OFA
SINDAD GAMBENEAR
EMU VISOR CLIO
WALKSTWOABREAST
OGLE ALLAN TLC
NOSEJOBS RUPERS
PER ACME
GETSTAKENABACK
ODETS OMAT POND
AGREE OMIT OVER
TEMPT LASS DEWY



Puzzle by Harvey Estes and Nancy Salomon

- 32 "Comin' the Rye" 42 They may be in a bun 51 It's 6.5 on the Mohs scale
- 34 Darling on the field 44 Port near Ta'izz 52 Hide a mike on
- 35 Stock page hdg. 45 Having as constituents 54 Collectible cap
- 36 One who makes a mark: Abbr. 47 Surface 55 Mr. Miniver
- 37 Way back when 50 Mr. Miniver
- 38 Like some divorces 51 It's 6.5 on the Mohs scale
- 39 Something seen 52 Hide a mike on
- 40 Growth ring 54 Collectible cap
- 41 Treacherous type

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